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Muslim pilgrims at the Great Mosque, Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Islam, Major world religion founded by [Muhammad](#) in Arabia in the early 7th century CE. The Arabic word *islām* means “surrender”—specifically, surrender to the

Prophet Muhammad as the last and most perfect of God's messengers, who include [Adam](#), [Abraham](#), [Moses](#), [Jesus](#), and others.

The sacred scripture of Islam is the [Qur'ān](#), which contains God's revelations to Muhammad. The sayings and deeds of the Prophet recounted in the Sunnah are also an important source of belief and practice in Islam.

The religious obligations of all Muslims are summed up in the Five Pillars of Islam, which include the profession of faith (*shahādah*) in God and his Prophet, prayer (*salāt*), charity (*zakāt*), pilgrimage (hajj), and fasting (*sawm*). The fundamental concept of Islam is the [sharia](#)—its law, which embraces the total way of life commanded by God. Observant Muslims pray five times a day and join in community worship on Fridays at a mosque, where worship is led by an [imam](#). Every believer is required to make a pilgrimage to [Mecca](#), the holiest city, at least once in a lifetime, barring poverty or physical incapacity. The month of [Ramadan](#) is set aside for fasting. Alcohol and pork are always forbidden, as are gambling, usury, fraud, slander, and the making of images. In addition to Eid al-Fitr, which celebrates the breaking of the fast of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate Muhammad's

Divisions occurred early in Islam, brought about by disputes over the succession to the leadership of the Muslim community (*ummah*). The Shi‘ah argued that Muhammad had designated his son-in-law ‘Ali ibn Abī Tālib as his successor. The Sunnis, who today make up the majority of Muslims, argued he did not designate a specific successor. Another significant element in Islam is the mysticism known as Sufism. The encounters with the West in the 19th and 20th centuries prompted the rise of fundamentalist movements that have voiced grievances they attribute to colonialism and a perceived decadence of Islamic society. In the early 21st century there were more than 1.5 billion Muslims in the world.



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